

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) ~~An article attachment~~ A system for attaching
2 articles in a vehicle having one or more receiving members, comprising:
3 a base having an attachment device adapted to selectively couple the
4 base to ~~the~~ a receiving member within the vehicle and adapted to selectively uncouple
5 the base from the receiving member~~[[.]]~~;
6 the base comprising a cavity adapted to interchangeably receive an
7 article interface member; and
8 the base having a retention device cooperating with the cavity ~~adapted~~
9 to selectively retain the article interface member and to selectively release the article
10 interface member;
11 so that an article may be attached to the receiving member.
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 base is ~~attachable~~ configured to attach at one or more locations along the receiving
3 member.
- 1 3. (Original) The attachment system of Claim 2, wherein the base is
2 adapted to move in relation to the receiving member.
- 1 4. (Original) The attachment system of Claim 2, wherein the base is
2 adapted to be substantially non-movable in relation to the receiving member.
- 1 5. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 4, wherein the
2 base includes a friction device ~~engageable with~~ configured to engage the receiving
3 member to substantially limit movement of the base in relation to the receiving
4 member.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 4, wherein the
2 base includes a positioning device ~~engageable with~~ configured to engage the receiving
3 member to substantially prevent movement of the base in relation to the receiving
4 member.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 1, ~~further~~
2 ~~comprising an article interface device receivable in the base, wherein~~ the article
3 interface ~~device~~ member comprises a portion adapted to receive ~~one of a group of~~
4 ~~articles~~ the article.

1 8. (Original) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the retention
2 device includes a spring-biased catch adapted to retain the article.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 8, wherein the
2 retention device includes a release device having an actuation member in operable
3 engagement with the catch and configured to release the article.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 article interface ~~device~~ member is a bracket adapted to interchangeably couple with
3 one of a group of articles.

1 11. (Original) The attachment system of Claim 10, wherein the articles are
2 taken from the group consisting of a storage compartment, a hanger, a bracket, a
3 fixture, a support member, a cargo storage shelf, an adaptable consumer product, a
4 commercial-use article, and a business-related article.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 base further comprises ~~a safety~~ an interlock adapted to prevent uncoupling the base
3 from the receiving member when the article is coupled to the base.

1 13. (Original) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the attachment
2 device includes a lever and fulcrum mechanism.

1 14. (Withdrawn) The attachment system of Claim 1 wherein the
2 attachment device includes a push button.

1 15. (Withdrawn) The attachment system of Claim 1 wherein the
2 attachment device includes a slide mechanism.

1 16. (Withdrawn) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 attachment device includes a clasp.

1 17. (Withdrawn) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 attachment device includes a spring-biased hinge.

1 18. (Withdrawn) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 attachment device includes a threaded fastener.

1 19. (Withdrawn) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 attachment device includes a rotatable lever.

1 20. (Original) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the base
2 includes an electrically conductive path adapted to provide a utility interface between
3 the receiving member and the article.

1 21. (Currently Amended) The attachment system of Claim 1, wherein the
2 receiving ~~device~~ member is an elongated track member mountable to one or more of a
3 headliner, floor, cargo door or interior trim component of the vehicle.

1 22. (Currently Amended) An article attachment system for a vehicle,
2 comprising:

3 means for coupling a base to ~~one or more~~ an elongated ~~members~~
4 member in the interior of a vehicle; and

5 means for coupling ~~one or more articles~~ an article to the base.

1 23. (Original) The article attachment system of Claim 22, wherein the
2 means for coupling the base is accomplished without using tools.

1 24. (Original) The article attachment system of Claim 22, further
2 comprising means for preventing sliding motion of the base when the article is
3 coupled to the base.

1 25. (Original) The article attachment system of Claim 22, further
2 comprising, means for preventing disengagement of the base from the elongated
3 member when the article is coupled to the base.

1 26. (Currently Amended) A kit for ~~an article attachment system~~ attaching
2 articles in a vehicle ~~having one or more elongated members coupled to an interior~~
3 ~~portion of the vehicle~~, the kit comprising:
4 a base portion adapted to be coupled to ~~the~~ at least one elongated
5 member disposed within the vehicle;
6 an attachment device adapted to couple the base to the at least one
7 elongated member; ~~and~~
8 a passage within the base portion configured to receive at least a
9 portion of an article; and
10 a retention device adapted to couple ~~an~~ the article to the ~~base~~ passage.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 26, further comprising an
2 interlock adapted to prevent uncoupling the article from the base when the base is
3 coupled to the at least one elongated member.

1 28. (Original) The kit of Claim 26, wherein a portion of the base is
2 electrically conductive.

1 29. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 26, further comprising an
2 article interface device receivable in the passage of the base and adapted to couple to
3 the article.

1 30. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 26, further comprising a
2 positioning device adapted to substantially limit movement of the base relative to the
3 at least one elongated member.

1 31. (Original) The kit of Claim 26, wherein the retention device includes a
2 latch adapted to retain the article.

1 32. (Original) The kit of Claim 26, wherein the retention device includes a
2 release device adapted to release the article.

1 33. (Currently Amended) A method of mounting an article on a vehicle
2 ~~having one or more receiving members~~, comprising:

3 coupling a base to ~~the~~ a receiving member disposed on the vehicle by
4 engaging an attachment device with the receiving member;

5 coupling the article to the base by engaging a retention device on the
6 base; and

7 providing an interlock to prevent removal of the base from the
8 receiving member when the article is coupled to the base.

1 34. (Original) The method of Claim 33, further comprising the step of
2 coupling an article interface device to the base.

1 35. (Original) The method of Claim 34, wherein the article is coupled to
2 the article interface device.

1 36. (Original) The method of Claim 33, further comprising the step of
2 transmitting utilities through the base to the article.

1 37. (Original) The method of Claim 33, further comprising the step of
2 limiting the movement of the base relative to the receiving member.

1 38. (Original) The method of Claim 33, further comprising the step of
2 removing the article from the base by actuating a release device on the retention
3 member.

1 39. (Currently Amended) A universal mounting adapter for
2 interchangeably attaching articles to a receiving member, comprising:
3 a base adapted to couple to the receiving member;
4 the base having a selectively deployable attachment device adapted to
5 engage a portion of the receiving member and maintain the base operably coupled to
6 the receiving member;
7 an article interface adapted to couple an article to the base; and
8 a retention device communicating with the article interface and the
9 base; and
10 an interlock device adapted to maintain the base in a coupled
11 relationship with the receiving member when the article is coupled to the base.

1 40. (Original) The universal mounting adapter of Claim 39, wherein the
2 receiving member is an elongated rail coupled to an interior portion of a vehicle.

1 41. (Original) The universal mounting adapter of Claim 39, wherein the
2 retention device includes a spring-biased catch member for selectively holding the
3 article to the base and selectively releasing the article from the base.

1 42. (Original) The universal mounting adapter of Claim 39, wherein the
2 retention device includes a manual actuator operably engaging the catch member.

1 43. (Canceled).

1 44. (Original) The universal mounting adapter of Claim 39, wherein the
2 articles are taken from the group consisting of a storage compartment, a hanger, a
3 bracket, a fixture, an adaptable consumer product, a commercial-use device, an
4 industrial product, and a business-related article.